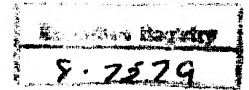


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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

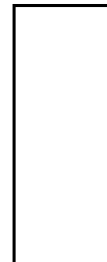
Dear Mr. Dulles:

Experience during Operation Alert 1956 again emphasized the need for trained communications personnel.

In March, 1956, the Office of Defense Mobilization established a school, under the supervision of the Army Signal Corps, to provide communications training. Attendance at the school was not up to the school's capacity until a few months before Operation Alert, at which time applications exceeded capacity.

To derive maximum benefits from the limited training facilities available, a firm training schedule is being established. Each course is of one week's duration. Toward this end, your agency has tentatively been assigned the following spaces in the courses indicated:

| | Communi- cations |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Advanced teletypewriter | - 4 |
| Advanced cryptographic | - 2 |
| Basic teletypewriter | - 5 |
| Basic cryptographic | - 5 |
| Facsimile | - 3 |
| Teletypewriter supervision | - 0 |



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Using the above figures as a guide, it is requested that your office review the adequacy of the space allocations to your agency and indicate on the attached form the number of spaces you desire. Any adjustments required because of over crowding of facilities will be made through the Interagency Communicators Advisory Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur S. Flemming

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Director

Enclosure